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## **DAYTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

*Faces mandatory minimum ten-year sentence because of criminal history*

DAYTON - Robert Talty, age 37, of east Dayton, pled guilty in United States District Court here today to one count of Possession of Child Pornography.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and Ken Betz, Director of the Miami Valley Regional Forensic Computer Laboratory, announced the plea entered today before United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

Because of his criminal history, Talty faces a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years imprisonment and a statutory maximum sentence of up to 20 years imprisonment. ICE agents arrested Talty on March 9, 2006. At the time he was on parole for a 1998 state conviction of Illegal Use of a Minor in Nudity Oriented Material. Ohio Adult Parole Authority agents discovered a computer in Talty's residence on a routine visit.

"Parole Authority officers knew Talty wasn't supposed to have a computer, which it turns out that he had rented," Lockhart said. "These officers acted promptly to protect the community."

Parole officers seized the computer and turned it over to the Miami Valley Regional Forensic Computer Laboratory where analysts found well in excess of 600 images and 21 videos or movies on the hard drive of his rented computer and on CD-ROMS taken from his house. They notified ICE agents, who investigated further and prepared the federal complaint.

Talty has been in custody since his arrest. Judge Rose set his sentencing for August 25, 2006.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by ICE agents and Parole Officers, the work of the analysts at the lab, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who is prosecuting the case.

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